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In re Application of:

# Franklin Okumu

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please enter the following amendment.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please insert the following paragraph after the title and before the “Field of the Invention”:

This application is based on Provisional Application Serial No. 60/198,209, filed April 19, 2000, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

### REMARKS

No new matter is added by this amendment. The specification has been amended to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

Respectfully submitted,



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